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1. A PKP memorandum circulating in Pampanga Province urges all school teachers to take an active part in the National Liberation Movement, and to lead the masses in advancing legal and peaceful aims and the policies of the PKP movement. Organization of teachers is planned to this end.
2. The National Education Department (NED) and other top PKP organs are most interested in procuring copies of the Hardie, Bell and McMillan-Rivera reports; Philippine-U.S. Mutual Defense Treaty, FOA agreements, and any other economic aid acts. NED and other top PKP organs are also interested in obtaining press clippings regarding the policies planned by the Magsaysay administration for the aid of the masses. These documents and clippings are to be used by PKP top organs in formulating a new policy for all branches of the movement.¹
3. Officials of Angeles, Pampanga, recently asked HMB elements in the area to withdraw because the sixth Battalion Combat Team (BCT) believes that the HMB may retaliate against Angeles because of Macapagal's victory over Jose Yap. Even if Yap had asked the HMB to raid certain towns in Pampanga to advance his campaign by means of intimidation of the voters, the PKP would have refused his request.²
4. All Agricultural Credit and Cooperative Financing Administration (ACCFA) officials in Santa Rita, Pampanga, many of whom are former National Peasants Union (PKM) members, are described as being sympathetic to PKP aims. A ranking ACCFA official in Santa Rita claims that the fact Amado Lansang is an official in the Manila headquarters of ACCFA has been responsible for quick action on their requests for loans. The official cited Amado's presence in ACCFA as evidence that the ACCFA is serving as an effective tool for the movement, with the policies followed by the majority of ACCFA field men said to be further proof.³

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5. The PKP is already planning strategy for local elections in Pampanga in 1955 and is seeking to place sympathetic men in key provincial and municipal posts of the Nacionalista Party organization. These include Dr. Lapira, who operates a printing business in Guagua on which legal (sic) documents of the movement may be printed, and who can place comrades in jobs.
6. Some influential Pampanga figures are members of a circle sympathetic to the movement; the circle holds no meetings, but receives general policies from top organs and interprets each according to the current situation in their respective communities.
7. Luis Taruc's book, "Born of the People", is available to HMB/PKP comrades in Angeles.

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Previous reports dealing with the implementation of the PKP peace policy in Pampanga, included information to the effect that after the elections the PKP hoped to eliminate by legal means, such impediments to their acquisition of national power as the Bell Trade Act, the Mutual Security Program Aid, and the Philippine-U.S. military agreements. There have been indications that Dr. Emilio Cortez of Pampanga, whose congressional candidacy reportedly received PKP support, may be one of the congressmen elect who will assist the PKP in the so-called legal struggle.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Yap, whose candidacy for Congressman from the First District in Pampanga was reportedly supported by the PKP, was defeated by Macapagal by a substantial plurality.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. ACCFA appears to be slated for significant expansion under the Nacionalista administration.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The ACCFA was established in late 1952 as a government corporation. This is the first known claim that the corporation is possibly serving as a tool for the PKP.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The above strongly suggests a close integration of all elements of the so-called legal struggle being sought by the PKP in Pampanga. The recent public statements of Emilio Cortez and Pampanga Governor Rafael Lazatin are apparently a concomitant effort.

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